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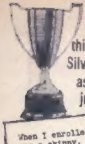

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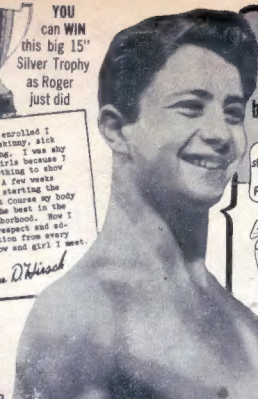

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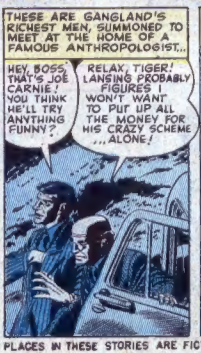
THE WOMAN WHO WASN'T

NIGHT IS A TIME FOR PLOTTING AND PLANNING, A TIME WHEN THE UNDERWORLD LORDS COME OUT OF THEIR LAIRS TO MEET IN SECRET...
LOOK, JOE, THERE'S VIN MINETTI, THE SMUGGLIN' CZAR! WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?
PROFESSOR LANSING MUST HAVE CALLED HIM IN ON THE DEAL, TOO!


THESE ARE GANGLAND'S RICHEST MEN, SUMMONED TO MEET AT THE HOME OF A FAMOUS ANTHROPOLOGIST...
HEY, BOSS, THAT'S JOE CARNIE! YOU THINK HE'LL TRY ANYTHING FUNNY?
RELAX, TIGER! LANSING PROBABLY FIGURES I WON'T WANT TO PUT UP ALL THE MONEY FOR HIS CRAZY SCHEME ...ALONE!

THE ECHOES OF THE BRASS KNOCKER REVERBERATE THRU THE HOUSE AS THE VISITORS WAIT TO BE LET IN...
DUNNO, BOSS! I'M SCARED! THIS GUY LANSING GIVES ME THE CREEPS...I THINK HE'S NUTS!
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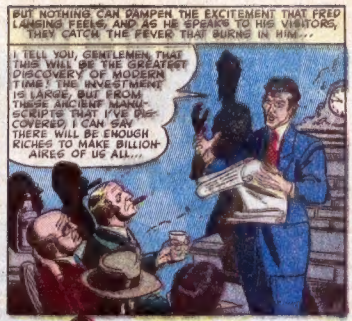
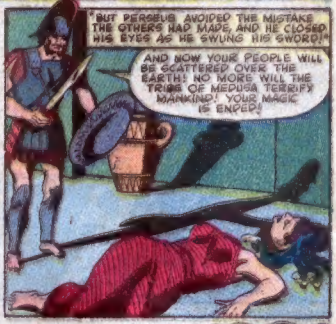
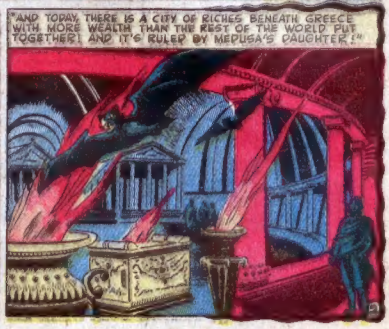
AH, I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! COME IN, GENTLEMEN, COME IN!
THIS BETTER BE GOOD, LANSING! IF YOU'VE BROUGHT US ALL THE WAY OUT HERE ON SOME HAIR-BRAINED SCHEME, YOU'LL BE SORRY!


BUT NOTHING CAN DAMPEN THE EXCITEMENT THAT FRED LANSING FEELS, AND AS HE SPEAKS TO HIS VISITORS, THEY CATCH THE FEVER THAT BURNS IN HIM...
I TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN, THAT THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF MODERN TIME! THE INVESTMENT IS LARGE, BUT FROM THESE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS THAT I'VE DISCOVERED, I CAN SAY THERE WILL BE ENOUGH RICHES TO MAKE BILLIONAIRES OF US ALL...

"IN ANCIENT GREECE THERE WAS A STRANGE CREATURE WHO RULED A RICH AND POWERFUL TRIBE...THEY SAID SHE COULD TURN A MAN INTO STONE OR INTO AN ANIMAL, AND ALL THE WORLD FEARED THIS FEMALE MONSTER—ALL BUT PERSEUS..."
PREPARE TO DIE, MEDUSA! MY SWORD WILL DESTROY YOU!
FIRST I'LL CHANGE YOU INTO A SWINE!


"BUT PERSEUS AVOIDED THE MISTAKE THE OTHERS HAD MADE, AND HE CLOSED HIS EYES AS HE SWUNG HIS SWORD!"
AND NOW YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE SCATTERED OVER THE EARTH! NO MORE WILL THE TRIBE OF MEDUSA TERRIFY MANKIND! YOUR MAGIC IS ENDED!

"BUT WHAT PERSEUS DID NOT KNOW AND WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD FOR CENTURIES WAS THAT MEDUSA'S POWER AND MAGIC DID NOT DIE! BECAUSE MEDUSA HAD A BABY GIRL..."
WE'LL GO TO OUR SECRET LAND, MY CHILD, AND YOU WILL GROW UP TO RULE YOUR PEOPLE IN PEACE!


"AND TODAY, THERE IS A CITY OF RICHES BENEATH GREECE WITH MORE WEALTH THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD PUT TOGETHER! AND IT'S RULER BY MEDUSA'S DAUGHTER!"

THERE YOU ARE, GENTLEMEN! IF YOU'RE WILLING TO FINANCE AN EXPEDITION, I PROMISE YOU THAT WE CAN BRING BACK THE WEALTH OF KINGS!
HMMMMM! SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!
I AGREE WITH MINETTI! I'LL PUT UP 50,000 DOLLARS!
WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL! YOU WON'T BE SORRY...THERE'S A FORTUNE TO BE UNCOVERED!
ARRANGEMENTS ARE QUICKLY MADE AND THE EXPEDITION ORGANIZED...IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS, LANDING LANDS IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF ATHENS...
ALL RIGHT, GET THE TRUCKS LOADED... WE'RE HEADING INTO THE INTERIOR TONIGHT!
SWIFTLY THE CARAVAN MOVES WITH THE PRECISENESS OF MOBILIZED TROOPS, HEADING INTO THE MOUNTAINOUS PART OF GREECE...
AHA! WE'RE ON THE RIGHT ROAD! THIS IS THE PASS OF THERMOPYLAE WHERE A FEW ATHENIANS HELD OFF THE SPARTAN ARMY...
THEY GO DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF AN ANCIENT CITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MODERN GREECE...
PAST ANCIENT TEMPLES...
PAST THE IMMOBILE FORMS OF ANCIENT GODS...
UNTIL FINALLY THEY ARRIVE AT A TUNNEL HIDDEN BEHIND THE LONG LOST STADIUM OF OLYMPIA...
THIS IS IT! WE'VE FOUND THE TUNNEL...THE TUNNEL THAT WILL LEAD US TO THE DAUGHTER OF MEDUSA!

LANGSING GIVES THE ORDER TO PITCH CAMP AT THE MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL, WHILE HE AND HIS ASSISTANT GO AHEAD TO FIND WHAT MIGHT BE AT THE OTHER END...
I--I'M AFRAID, MR. LANSING! I FEEL A STRANGE SENSE OF FORE-BODING...
NONSENSE! WE'LL JUST PRETEND THAT WE'RE FRIENDLY ANTHROPOLOGISTS INTERESTED IN THEIR ART AND CUSTOMS! DON'T WORRY!
AT FIRST THERE IS ONLY WHITE LIGHT COMING THRU THE DARKNESS OF THE PASSAGEWAY, BUT THEN THEY SEE...
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOING TO THROW THE SPEAR!
NO, YOU FOOL! DON'T SHOOT! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE FRIENDS!
IF YOU COME IN PEACE, SURFACE DWELLERS, THEN YOU ARE WELCOME TO MEDUSA-LAND!
YES, WE COME IN PEACE TO STUDY YOUR CUSTOMS AND YOUR ART! WE WANT TO BE FRIENDS!
AND SO, HAVING CONVINCED THE MEDUSIAN HE HAS COME ON A MISSION OF PEACE AND STUDY, THE FABULOUS CITY IS THROWN OPEN FOR HIS INSPECTION...
AND NOW, MR. LANSING, I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR OF PRESENTING YOU TO OUR QUEEN -- A DESCENDANT OF THE GREAT MEDUSA!
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NOW I MUST GO BACK TO MY POST! IF YOU'LL COME WITH ME, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE YOU CAN SLEEP!
YES, I'M SURE THAT PROFESSOR LANSING HAS MUCH TO TALK ABOUT TO MEDUSA!
MY SUBJECT INFORMS ME THAT YOU'RE HERE TO STUDY OUR ART AND CUSTOMS, MR. LANSING! IS THAT TRUE?
YES! I'M AN ANTHROPOLOGIST! I'VE COME HERE TO LEARN!
AH, YOU SOUND LIKE A VERY BRILLIANT MAN, MR. LANSING! A WOMAN DOESN'T OFTEN MEET MEN WHO ARE BOTH BRILLIANT AND ATTRACTIVE!
ER--AH, YES! TELL ME, MEDUSA, HOW DO YOU PREVENT SURFACE DWELLERS FROM COMING DOWN HERE AND STEALING ALL YOUR GOLD AND RICHES?
YOU MEAN THOSE FIENDS WHO CARE FOR NOTHING BUT WEALTH? WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL WAY OF DEALING WITH THEM! IT'S A SECRET THAT IS CONNECTED WITH THESE SNAKES YOU SEE IN OUR HAIR...
NOW THAT'S INTERESTING! I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE...
OH, ENOUGH OF TALK NOW! I'M VERY MUCH ATTRACTED TO YOU! I WANT YOU TO KISS ME!
UGH! IF IT WERE NOT FOR THOSE SNAKES! BUT I'D BETTER NOT MAKE HER ANGRY...

LANSING DECIDES TO MOVE FASTER THAN USUAL, AND SO...THAT NIGHT...UNDER COVER OF SHADOWS, HE SNEAKS INTO THE TEMPLE OF RUBIES...
I'LL START GETTING THESE JEWELS THRU THE TUNNEL TO OUR MEN! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM MEDUSA'S DAUGHTER!
I'VE NEVER SEEN GEMS THIS BIG! THEY'LL MAKE ME RICHER THAN AN EMPEROR! ONCE I GET OUT, I'LL BLAST THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL!
NOW I'LL JUST--
SO! THIS IS HOW YOU COME TO STUDY ART!
WHAT TH'--?!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS THAT CAME HERE...A GREEDY HUMAN! AND NOW YOU'LL GET THE SAME PUNISHMENT!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? NO--NO! GO AWAY!
AND SO ANOTHER DAY COMES, AND THE DAUGHTER OF MEDUSA NO LONGER THINKS ABOUT THE MAN WHO BETRAYED HER TRUST,.. AND SHE SIPS HER WINE PEACEFULLY...
I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO VISIT ME, ATHENE! I WANTED SOMEONE TO HAVE DINNER WITH...
I WAS JUST PASSING BY...BUT, DARLING... I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT STRANGE NEW SNAKE IN YOUR HAIR BEFORE!
NO, DARLING! THIS IS A NEW ONE!
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AFTER THE SHOW, PIERRE'S WIFE WAITED FOR HIM BACKSTAGE, AS SHE HAD DONE SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST!
PIERRE! YOU WERE WONDERFUL! CONGRATULATIONS!
DON'T CONGRATULATE ME!! CONGRATULATE SUBA!
GO AHEAD! CONGRATULATE HIM!
GROWL
PIERRE... WHY HAVE YOU TAUGHT HIM TO HATE ME SO?
BECAUSE I HATE YOU! YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU! AND IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO HAVE SUBA HATE YOU, TOO!
NOW, GET OUT OF MY SIGHT, YOU SPINELESS JELLYFISH! I HAVE THINGS TO DO!
AS PIERRE WALKED AWAY, HIS WIFE STOOD FOR A WHILE AND LOOKED THOUGHTFULLY AT SUBA...
SPINELESS JELLYFISH AM I? ... I WONDER...
THAT NIGHT, WHEN PIERRE CAME HOME, HIS WIFE SPOKE SOFTLY TO HIM...
PIERRE... WHY CAN'T WE BE NICE TO EACH OTHER LIKE OTHER MARRIED COUPLES? WHY MUST WE ALWAYS HATE?
TAKE YOUR CLAMMY HANDS OFF ME!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE WEALTHY WHEN I MARRIED YOU... BUT YOU'RE NOT!! ON ACCOUNT OF YOU I HAVE TO RISK MY LIFE EACH NIGHT IN ORDER TO LIVE!
BUT YOU CAN QUIT YOUR JOB! I WOULDN'T CARE! I'LL EVEN GO OUT AND WORK MYSELF IF YOU WANT ME TO!

THE ONLY THING I WANT YOU TO DO IS LEAVE ME ALONE! I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
YES, PIERRE!
THAT NIGHT, PIERRE BRAZO'S WIFE MADE A VOW BY THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON...
I GAVE HIM HIS CHANCE... THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR ME TO DO IS... KILL HIM!
FOR HOURS SHE WORKED IN THE KITCHEN WHILE HE SLEPT...
FINALLY SHE FINISHED HER TASK AND SHUT OFF THE LIGHT. SHE BENT DOWN TO KISS HER HUSBAND GOODNIGHT...
SLEEP SOUNDLY, PIERRE! FOR TOMORROW, YOU DIE!
THE NEXT DAY WAS A SELL-OUT AT THE CIRCUS! AS THE CROWDS WAITED FOR PIERRE BRAZO'S ACT, HE SPOKE TO HIS WIFE BACKSTAGE...
WHY DON'T YOU QUIT COMIN' BACKSTAGE? I DON'T WANT YOU HERE, AND YOU MAKE SUBA NERVOUS!
I WON'T COME ANYMORE AFTER TONIGHT! I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO MISS TONIGHT'S SHOW!
GRRRR!
YOU'VE REALLY TAUGHT THAT BEAST TO HATE ME, HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH... IF IT WAS YOU PUTTIN' YOUR HEAD IN HIS MOUTH, YOU'D LOSE IT IN ONE SECOND!
BRAZO! YOU'RE ON!
OKAY... COMIN'!
GOODBYE... MY HUSBAND!

THE CROWD WENT MAD WHEN PIERRE BRAZO APPEARED!
YAY, BRAZO!
SHOW THOSE CATS WHO'S BOSS, PIERRE!
THREE CHEERS FOR BRAZO!
AND PIERRE WAS NEVER IN BETTER FORM...
UP, EBONY! HIGHER... HIGHER!
ROLL OVER, SATAN! OVER-- OVER--OVER...
AND NOW, MISTER BRAZO WILL PERFORM HIS GREATEST FEAT! HE WILL PUT HIS ENTIRE HEAD INTO THE MAN-EATING MOUTH OF SUBA, THE LION!
BUT, AS PIERRE PUT HIS HEAD INTO THE LION'S MOUTH, A GREAT ROAR EMERGED FROM THE BEAST!
RRRROWWRRRR!
PIERRE WAS STRICKEN DUMB WITH HORROR AS HE SAW THE ANGRY JAWS CLOSING DOWN ON HIS HEAD... FOR THE LAST TIME!
HE NEVER KNEW THAT HIS WIFE HAD SEWN SOMETHING ON THE TOP OF HIS SKULL-CAP WHERE SUBA WOULD SEE IT AND GO MAD WITH RAGE... A PICTURE OF HERSELF!
THE END
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THE THING IN THE CAVE

"WHAT I don't see," said Bill Harris grouchily, "is why we have to spend a good weekend poking around in a dank, musty cave — and a haunted one, at that!"

His friend, Lou Slade, dropped his knapsack in front of the cave entrance and sat down on it in obvious disgust.

"First of all —" said Lou— "that stuff about the cave being haunted is a lot of nonsense, and you know it. Just because two or three of the local yokels wandered in recently and came out screaming that they'd seen some horrible monster doesn't mean you have to start believing them. Just a shadow, probably — or more likely, they were drunk."

"What about the two or three who went in and never came out again?" Bill demanded.

Lou snorted his derision. "Them? They probably got lost — or maybe they broke a leg and couldn't get out. Prowling around caves isn't for dopes, you know. No one should do it who doesn't know how. And I do!"

Bill began to pace up and down. "But I still don't see why you *want* to go in!"

"I told you before! Cave bears used to live in this cave hundreds of thousands of years ago, and we might find a skull—"

"—Which would make a fine contribution to science!" Bill finished angrily. "Only, you and I both know you aren't the slightest bit interested in the advancement of science! So what—"

Lou smiled. "You're right, Bill," he said. "I guess it's time I told you the real reason we're going into that cave."

His voice had suddenly grown serious, and Bill Harris found himself staring at his friend in surprise.

"The truth is, Bill, I have reason to believe this cave is one of the places Captain Kidd buried a large part of his pirate treasure. You know, most of it has been missing for centuries, and every now and then someone uncovers one of his hoards. Well, I found a diary in the town library that dates back to Kidd's time and the person who wrote it claims the old pirate made a few mysterious trips into this cave. I figure that's worth looking into — don't you?"

"Now you're talking sense!" Bill yelled, leaping to his feet. "Cave bears are one thing — pirate treasure is another!"

In a few moments, the two young men had shouldered their knapsacks, lighted their head lamps, and had crawled into the mouth of the cave.

For a short distance, the cave seemed to be only a narrow tunnel, not high enough for a man to stand upright. After about fifteen minutes of crawling, however, the two found themselves in a tremendous underground chamber.

"Kind of spooky, ain't it?" Bill said, struggling to his feet.

Lou shrugged. "Only because it's dark and damp and silent," he said.

Bill shivered. "That's enough for me!" He tried to force a laugh and failed.

Lou turned on him angrily. "Can't you forget that stupid spook of yours for a minute — and help me figure out where Kidd might have hidden the treasure!"

Silently, the two young men stared around them. By the dim light of their lamps, they examined the features of the underground room. Actually, there was little to see. The expanse of stone was broken only by looming stalactites and stalagmites, dripping eerily in the

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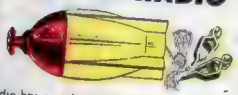

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dark. Along the sides of the chamber were holes similar to the one they had just come out of.

Bill pointed to the black openings. "Say, Lou, do you suppose they lead into more tunnels?"

"Maybe. Why?"

Bill scratched his head. "It's just that, if they do, the tunnels may lead into more chambers. Then how do we know in which one Kidd hid his treasure?"

"I don't think Kidd would bother lugging that stuff too far," Lou said thoughtfully. "Gold is pretty heavy, you know. He probably left some kind of marker, anyhow, and all we have to do is find it."

With Bill following close behind, Lou began to walk along the rock-strewn floor of the cavern. After a moment, he stopped short and grabbed Bill's arm.

"Look!" Bill shouted, pointing.

A human skeleton lay on the ground, one bony arm extended in the direction of one of the tunnel openings.

Bill shuddered, and turned his eyes away, then he, too, stiffened.

"Lou!" he whispered, "There's another one — in front of the next tunnel opening!"

It was Lou's turn to look worried. Then he straightened and smiled. "Probably old Kidd divided his treasure in two parts — one up this tunnel, and the other up that one. We'll look here first."

He started into the black opening, and Bill clutched his arm.

"Lou," he quavered, "I'm getting scared. This skeleton — the bones look as if they'd been . . . gnawed!"

"Lou," he quavered, "I'm getimpatiently. "There are always rats in these caves," he said gruffly. "If I'd known you were going to be such a coward, Bill, I'd never —"

"Okay," Bill mumbled. "Start crawling. I'll follow."

This time they had gone only a few feet when they both froze in horror. Something was crawling through the tunnel toward them!

"Quick!" Lou shrieked. "Go back, back! I've got a gun — we can fight whatever it is in the big room!"

Scrambling for their lives, the two young men made it back into the large room they'd just come from. The sounds from the tunnel grew louder and more menacing.

"My head lamp!" Bill screamed. "Lou! I've lost it!"

"Never mind!" Lou told him, trying to fight back his own fright. "I've still got mine — and a revolver. A bullet will stop whatever —"

Then the . . . thing debouched into the cave. Bill shrieked again in terror and fell to his knees. Lou gasped, and whipped out his gun. The thing coming at them looked like a bear, but it was three times the size of any bear either man had ever seen, and it shown with a ghostly light!

"It's the ghost of a cave bear!" Bill gurgled in terror. "It must be the guardian of Captain Kidd's gold. Quick, Lou! Kill it! Kill it!"

Lou emptied his gun, but the bullets whistled harmlessly through the thing and crashed against the rock walls. The apparition continued its steady, horrible advance, and they could see its beady eyes glittering and its ghostly jaws slavering.

"It's no use, Bill! Let's get out of here!"

"How? Which tunnel leads out? I-I've forgotten!"

Desperately, the two young men raced for different tunnel openings — and were caught just as their outstretched hands touched the openings.

Then the beast settled down to its feast, never disturbing the arms that would serve as markers for the next . . . victims.

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MY WIFE!! ...I...WILL ...DO...IT!
IF THE OPERATION IS A SUCCESS... YOU AND YOUR WIFE MAY LEAVE RUSSIA! IF IT ISN'T... YOU BOTH DIE!
A FEW HOURS LATER...
SCALPEL!
DA!
REMEMBER... ONE FALSE MOVE... AND...
OUT OF MY WAY!! FORCEPS!
DA!

I CAN'T LET THIS BEAST LIVE WHEN I HAVE THE CHANCE TO KILL HIM!
BUT I CAN'T LET THEM KILL MY WIFE!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY THE MASTER SURGEON WORKED AS THE HOURS TICKED BY...UNTIL FINALLY...
HOW IS HE, DOCTOR?
THERE! IT IS DONE!
IT WAS A GREAT OPERATION! COMRADE COMMISSAR WILL LIVE!
SEND FOR DOCTOR PUSHKIN'S WIFE! THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN TO THE AMERICAN ZONE OF BERLIN!
AT LAST!
THE NEXT DAY...
ANNA..WE ARE FREE IN THE AMERICAN ZONE! WHY DO YOU NOT TALK TO ME?
BECAUSE YOU ARE A COWARD! YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED THE COMMISSAR WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE! OUR DEATH WOULD MEAN NOTHING TO THAT!
BUT, ANNA, MY LITTLE DOVE... I AM NO COWARD! DID I NOT TELL YOU HOW I OPERATED WITH THE SHARPEST KNIFE IN MOSCOW? AND IN TWO DAYS THE COMMISSAR WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AGAIN!
DA! THAT'S WHY I AM DISAPPOINTED IN YOU!
BUT, MY LITTLE PIGEON, I LEFT OUT THE MOST INTERESTING PART OF THE STORY...
WHEN I STITCHED UP THE COMMISSAR, I LEFT THE KNIFE INSIDE...NEAR HIS HEART! THE FIRST TIME HE MOVES...
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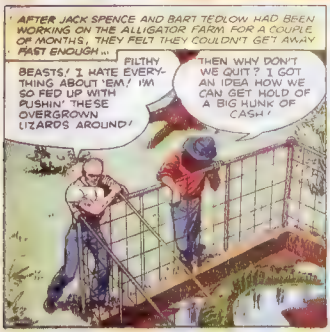
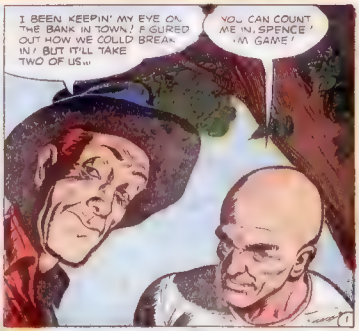
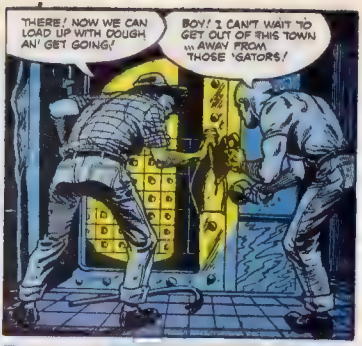
OKAY, BOSS!
AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!


AFTER JACK SPENCE AND BART TEDLOW HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE ALLIGATOR FARM FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS, THEY FELT THEY COULDN'T GET AWAY FAST ENOUGH...
FILTHY BEASTS! I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT 'EM! I'M SO FED UP WITH PUSHIN' THESE OVERGROWN LIZARDS AROUND!
THEN WHY DON'T WE QUIT? I GOT AN IDEA HOW WE CAN GET HOLD OF A BIG HUNK OF CASH!


I BEEN KEEPIN' MY EYE ON THE BANK IN TOWN! I FIGURED OUT HOW WE COULD BREAK IN! BUT IT'LL TAKE TWO OF US...
YOU CAN COUNT ME IN, SPENCE! I'M GAME!

GETTING INTO THE BANK THAT NIGHT WAS EASY ENOUGH! THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT NEITHER SPENCE NOR TEDLOW FULLY TRUSTED EACH OTHER...
I'LL HAVE THIS SAFE OPEN IN A MINUTE! JUST REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... WE STICK TOGETHER. GET IT?
SURE... SURE...


THERE! NOW WE CAN LOAD UP WITH DOUGH AN' GET GOING!
BOY! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THIS TOWN ... AWAY FROM THOSE 'GATORS!

THE BLACK SATCHEL WAS QUICKLY STUFFED WITH MONEY, AND THE TWO MEN STARTED TO LEAVE. THEN SUDDENLY...
WH...WHAT'S THAT?
THE ALARM, YOU SAP! WE MUST'VE SET IT OFF! WE'LL HAVE TO RUN FOR IT!
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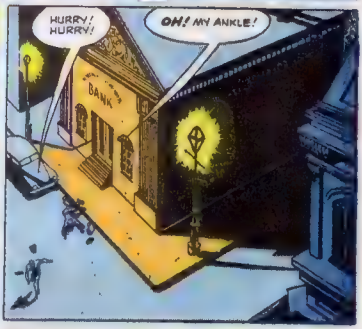
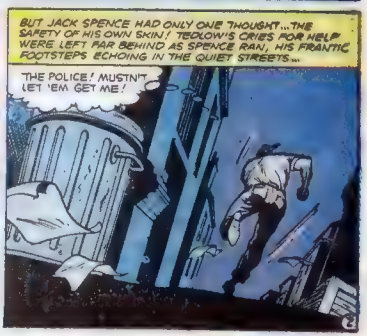
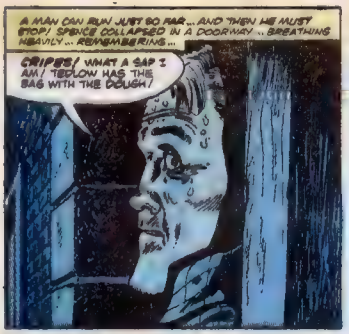
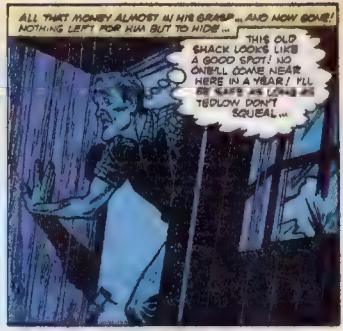
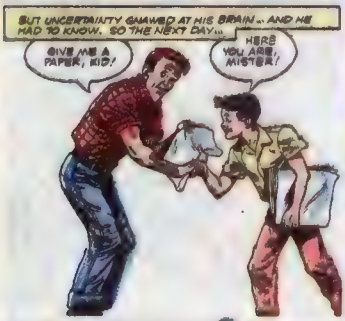

HURRY! HURRY!
OH! MY ANKLE!
BANK

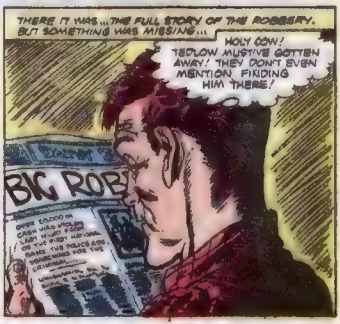
GOT TO...GET ... AWAY ...
SPENCE! I CAN'T WALK! DON'T LEAVE ME! DON'T LEAVE ME!


BUT JACK SPENCE HAD ONLY ONE THOUGHT... THE SAFETY OF HIS OWN SKIN! TEDLOW'S CRIES FOR HELP WERE LEFT FAR BEHIND AS SPENCE RAN, HIS FRANTIC FOOTSTEPS ECHOING IN THE QUIET STREETS...
THE POLICE! MUSTN'T LET 'EM GET ME!

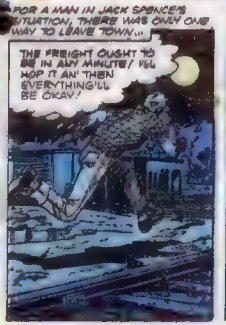

A MAN CAN RUN JUST SO FAR... AND THEN HE MUST STOP! SPENCE COLLAPSED IN A DOORWAY .. BREATHING HEAVILY ... REMEMBERING...
CRIPES! WHAT A SAP I AM! TEDLOW HAS THE BAG WITH THE DOUGH!

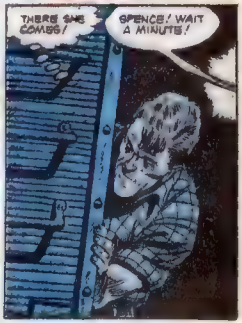

ALL THAT MONEY ALMOST IN HIS GRASP ... AND NOW GONE! NOTHING LEFT FOR HIM BUT TO HIDE ...
THIS OLD SHACK LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT! NO ONE'LL COME NEAR HERE IN A YEAR! I'LL BE SAFE AS LONG AS TEDLOW DON'T SQUEAL...


BUT UNCERTAINTY GNAWED AT HIS BRAIN .. AND HE HAD TO KNOW. SO THE NEXT DAY...
GIVE ME A PAPER, KID!
HERE YOU ARE, MISTER!


THERE IT WAS ... THE FULL STORY OF THE ROBBERY. BUT SOMETHING WAS MISSING...
HOLY COW! TEDLOW MUSTVE GOTTEN AWAY! THEY DON'T EVEN MENTION FINDING HIM THERE!
BIG ROB

THEN HE'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR ME, TO GET EVEN FOR MY LEAVIN' HIM IN THE LURCH! IF THE COPS DON'T GET ME ... TEDLOW WILL! I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF TOWN ... BUT QUICK!


FOR A MAN IN JACK SPENCE'S SITUATION, THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO LEAVE TOWN ...
THE FREIGHT OUGHT TO BE IN ANY MINUTE! I'LL HOP IT AN' THEN EVERYTHING'LL BE OKAY!


THERE SHE COMES!
SPENCE! WAIT A MINUTE!

SPENCE TURNED... STARTLED AT THE SOUND OF THE UNEXPECTED VOICE
TEDLOW!
SURPRISED TO SEE ME, AREN'T YOU? THOUGHT I'D BE ROTTING IN JAIL BY NOW, DIDN'T YOU?
LISTEN, BART, I DIDN'T MEAN TO RUN AWAY! HONEST! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOIN'!
"THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SPENCE ... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I'M NOT SORE."
YOU'RE NOT?
NO! I JUST WANT TO SHOW YOU WHERE I HID THE DOUGH! AFTER ALL, HALF OF IT IS YOURS!
THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT TEDLOW THAT BOTHERED SPENCE ... SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T SEEM QUITE RIGHT, YET ... WITH ALL THAT MONEY AT STAKE ...
WHERE ARE WE HEADIN', TEDLOW? IS IT FAR?
A SHORT WAY OUT OF TOWN ... BACK TO THE ALLIGATOR FARM!
WHEN THEY'D REACHED THE FARM, TEDLOW LED THE WAY AND ...
BUT THIS IS THE SPECIAL ENCLOSURE FOR SHOWING THE ALLIGATORS TO CUSTOMERS!
I KNOW IT, SPENCE! JUST TAKE THE SHOVEL AND CLIMB OVER THE FENCE!
I GOT IT! YOU BURIED IT HERE ... WHERE NO ONE WOULD EVER THINK OF LOOKIN' FOR IT! WHAT A TERRIFIC IDEA!
IT'S RIGHT HERE ... IF YOU DIG, YOU'LL FIND IT!
OKAY, I'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK!

SPENCE BEGAN TO DIG, ALREADY TURNING OVER IN HIS MIND THOUGHTS OF HOW TO GET RID OF TEDLOW AND KEEP ALL THE MONEY FOR HIMSELF! IN THE MIDST OF HIS FEVERISH ACTIVITY...
WH...WHAT'S THAT SOUND? TEDLOW!
B-R-R-OW!
TEDLOW! WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU GO?
RR-ROW
THEN, HE SAW. AND FROM THE DEPTHS OF HIS CRINGING SOUL CAME A CRY OF ULTIMATE HORROR...
NO! NO! DON'T!
AGHHH!
THE SOUNDS OF HIS SCREAMS ECHOED AND RE-ECHOED THROUGH THE QUIET NIGHT, AND AT LAST...
I THINK THEY CAME FROM THAT SPECIAL 'GATOR ENCLOSURE!
YEAH! THERE'S SOME-THING IN THERE NOW!
HE'S DEAD... ALL RIGHT! TORN TO PIECES!
I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
THIS IS EXACTLY THE SAME SPOT WHERE WE FOUND BART TEDLOW'S MANGLED BODY... LAST NIGHT!
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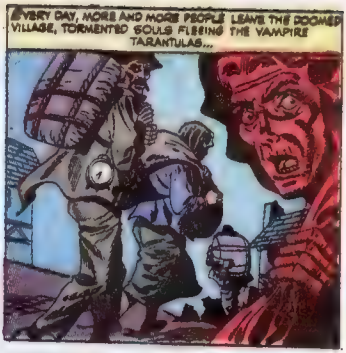
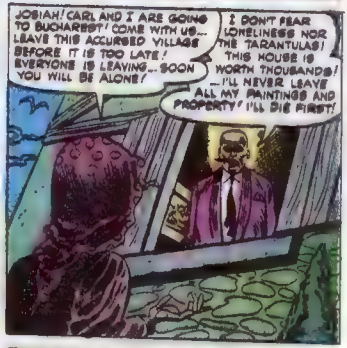
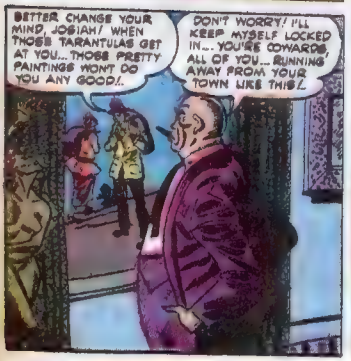
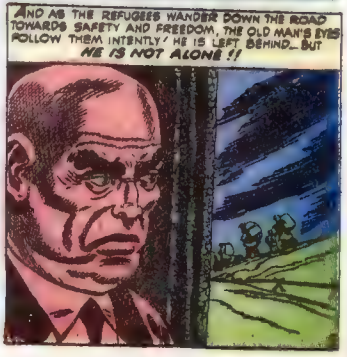

EVERY DAY, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE LEAVE THE DOOMED VILLAGE, TORMENTED SOULS FLEEING THE VAMPIRE TARANTULAS...

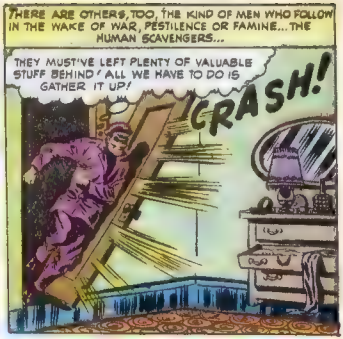
CARL, THERE'S JOSIAH CRETCH'S PLACE!.. MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE HIM WITH US/.
WE'LL ASK... BUT IT'LL DO NO GOOD! HE'LL NEVER LEAVE ALL HIS WEALTH BEHIND!


JOSIAH! CARL AND I ARE GOING TO BUCHAREST! COME WITH US... LEAVE THIS ACCURSED VILLAGE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! EVERYONE IS LEAVING... SOON YOU WILL BE ALONE!
I DON'T FEAR LONELINESS NOR THE TARANTULAS! THIS HOUSE IS WORTH THOUSANDS! ...I'LL NEVER LEAVE ALL MY PAINTINGS AND PROPERTY! I'LL DIE FIRST!


BETTER CHANGE YOUR MIND, JOSIAH! WHEN THOSE TARANTULAS GET AT YOU... THOSE PRETTY PAINTINGS WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD/.
DON'T WORRY! I'LL KEEP MYSELF LOCKED IN... YOU'RE COWARDS, ALL OF YOU... RUNNING AWAY FROM YOUR TOWN LIKE THIS/.


AND AS THE REFUGEES WANDER DOWN THE ROAD TOWARDS SAFETY AND FREEDOM, THE OLD MAN'S EYES FOLLOW THEM INTENTLY/ HE IS LEFT BEHIND... BUT
HE IS NOT ALONE !!

THERE ARE OTHER SOULS LEFT IN THE PLAGUED VILLAGE OF MARUD...LIVING DEAD VICTIMS OF THE VAMPIRE TARANTULAS...WASTING AWAY!


THERE ARE OTHERS, TOO, THE KIND OF MEN WHO FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF WAR, PESTILENCE OR FAMINE...THE HUMAN SCAVENGERS...
THEY MUST'VE LEFT PLENTY OF VALUABLE STUFF BEHIND! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GATHER IT UP!
CRASH!

AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO LOOT THE HOMES AND SHOPS...
LOOKIT THESE FURS! WE'LL GET PLENTY FOR THEM IN PARIS!

THERE ARE GHOULS WHO ROB THE POCKETS OF THE DEAD!

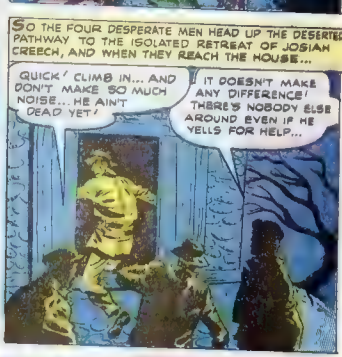
THEY WANDER ABOUT THE DESERTED CITY PICKING IT CLEAN OF EVERYTHING WHICH WILL BRING A PRICE! THEN THE FRATERNITY OF SCAVENGERS HOLDS A MEETING!
THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS! I VOTE WE GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THOSE THINGS GET US!
ME, TOO! I CAN'T SLEEP ANY MORE!
I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS ALL OF YOU DO, BUT FIRST LET'S MAKE ONE BIG HAUL!

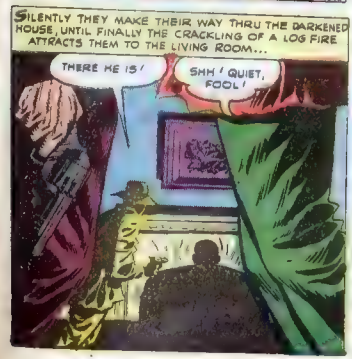
BUT THIS TOWN'S STRIPPED CLEAN NOW!.
NOT QUITE! YOU SEE THAT HOUSE UP THERE? JOSIAH CREECH HAS A FORTUNE IN GOLD AND PAINTINGS! WE'RE GONNA KILL HIM AND MAKE OURSELVES RICH! THEN WE'LL LEAVE THIS VILLAGE TO THE TARANTULAS!

I WANT NO PART OF IT! I MAY BE A SCAVENGER AND A THIEF BUT I'M NOT A MURDERER!
ALRIGHT, FRITZ.

CONSIDER YOURSELF OUT!
AARGH!

NOW IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO BE COUNTED OUT?
NO...NOT ME, KURT!
I'M IN, KURT!
ME, TOO!


SO THE FOUR DESPERATE MEN HEAD UP THE DESERTED PATHWAY TO THE ISOLATED RETREAT OF JOSIAH CREECH, AND WHEN THEY REACH THE HOUSE...
QUICK! CLIMB IN... AND DON'T MAKE SO MUCH NOISE... HE AIN'T DEAD YET!
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! THERE'S NOBODY ELSE AROUND EVEN IF HE YELLS FOR HELP...


SILENTLY THEY MAKE THEIR WAY THRU THE DARKENED HOUSE, UNTIL FINALLY THE CRACKLING OF A LOG FIRE ATTRACTS THEM TO THE LIVING ROOM...
THERE HE IS!
SHH! QUIET, FOOL!

YES, GENTLEMEN? COME RIGHT IN! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

THEY DO NOT ANSWER WITH WORDS, BUT WITH BULLETS..
BANG!
BANG!
POURING HOT LEAD INTO THEIR WEALTHY VICTIM..
BANG!
BANG
UNTIL THE ROOM IS FILLED WITH THE HOT STENCH OF POWDER AND GUN SMOKE..
BANG!
BANG
UNTIL THEY ARE SURE THEIR VICTIM IS DEAD..
BANG!
NOW FRISK HIM AND SEE IF HE HAS ANY KEYS TO THE STRONGBOXES ON HIM!
NO! NOT ME! I CAN'T DO IT! HE'S STILL LOOKING AT US... AS...AS IF HE WASN'T DEAD!
LOOK!..ON THE FLOOR!
NO! NO! HELP...HELP!!
YOU CAME JUST IN TIME FOR SUPPER, GENTLEMEN.. MY CHILDREN AND I HAVEN'T EATEN... YET!!
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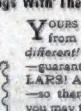

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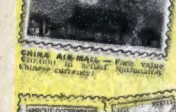

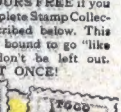

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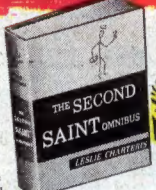

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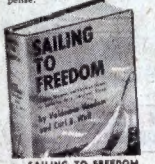

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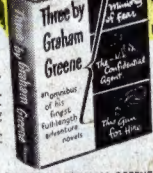

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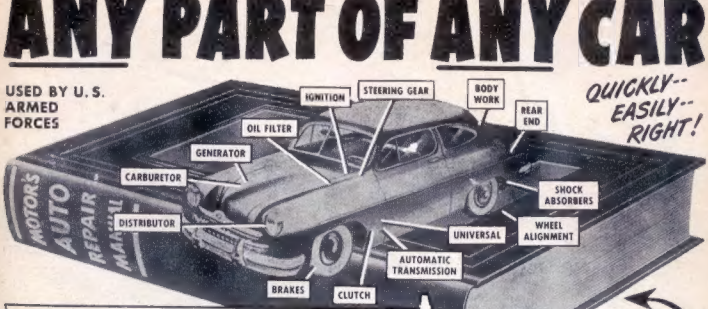

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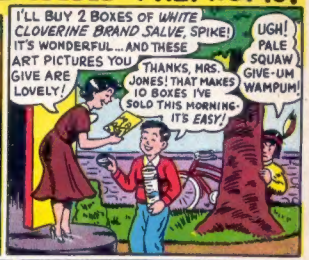
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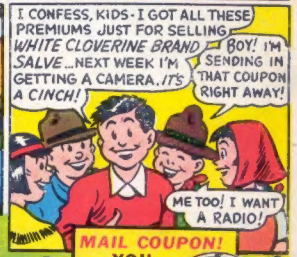
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